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	<p>1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> the international application in the language in which it was filed</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> the translation of the international application into _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (Rule 12.3(a) and 23.1(b)).</p> <p>2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:</p> <p>a. type of material</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> a sequence listing</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> table(s) related to the sequence listing</p> <p>b. format of material</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> on paper</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in electronic form</p> <p>c. time of filing/furnishing</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> contained in the international application as filed</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> filed together with the international application in electronic form</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search</p> <p>3. <input type="checkbox"/> In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table(s) relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.</p> <p>4. Additional comments:</p>

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Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement															
<p>1. Statement</p> <table> <tr> <td rowspan="2">Novelty (N)</td> <td>Claims 3-5</td> <td>YES</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Claims 1, 2</td> <td>NO</td> </tr> <tr> <td rowspan="2">Inventive step (IS)</td> <td>Claims 3-5</td> <td>YES</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Claims 1, 2</td> <td>NO</td> </tr> <tr> <td rowspan="2">Industrial applicability (IA)</td> <td>Claims 1-5</td> <td>YES</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Claims</td> <td>NO</td> </tr> </table>		Novelty (N)	Claims 3-5	YES	Claims 1, 2	NO	Inventive step (IS)	Claims 3-5	YES	Claims 1, 2	NO	Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1-5	YES	Claims	NO
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<p>2. Citations and explanations:</p> <p>Document 1: JP 3500000 B2 (Sanyo Electric Co., Ltd.), 23 February 2004, Paragraphs 0003, 0012, and 0017-0021; Fig. 4 & JP 9-261883 A</p> <p>Document 2: JP 2002-315202 A (NEC Tokin Corp.), 25 October 2002, Paragraphs 0002-0004; Fig. 1 (Family: none)</p> <p>Document 3: JP 2004-7942 A (Dialog Semiconductor GmbH), 08 January 2004, Paragraphs 0002-0005; Fig. 1 & US 2003-99075 A1 & EP 1317042 A2 & DE 10158494 C</p> <p>The inventions of claims 1-2 do not appear to possess novelty based on document 1 cited in the ISR. Document 1 (paragraph 0018) describes detection that one of the battery voltages V1 to V3 exceeds the set voltage Va.</p> <p>The inventions of claims 1-2 do not appear to involve an inventive step based on documents 1 and 2 cited in the ISR. Document 2 (paragraph 0004) describes dividing the cells connected in series into a plurality of groups and monitoring the cell voltage of each group, and use of the technique described in document 2 for document 1 would be easy for a person skilled in the art.</p> <p>The inventions of claims 3-5 are not described in any of the documents cited in the ISR and are not obvious to a person skilled in the art.</p>																

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1. この見解書は次の内容を含む。

- 第I欄 見解の基礎
- 第II欄 優先権
- 第III欄 新規性、進歩性又は産業上の利用可能性についての見解の不作成
- 第IV欄 発明の單一性の欠如
- 第V欄 PCT規則43の2.1(a)(i)に規定する新規性、進歩性又は産業上の利用可能性についての見解、それを裏付けるための文献及び説明
- 第VI欄 ある種の引用文献
- 第VII欄 国際出願の不備
- 第VIII欄 国際出願に対する意見

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b. フォーマット 紙形式 電子形式

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4. 補足意見：

第V欄 新規性、進歩性又は産業上の利用可能性についてのPCT規則43の2.1(a)(i)に定める見解、それを扱する文献及び説明

1. 見解

新規性 (N)	請求の範囲 3-5 請求の範囲 1,2	有 無
進歩性 (I S)	請求の範囲 3-5 請求の範囲 1,2	有 無
産業上の利用可能性 (I A)	請求の範囲 1-5 請求の範囲	有 無

2. 文献及び説明

文献1 : JP 3500000 B2 (三洋電機株式会社) 2004.02.23, 段落[0003], [0012], [0017]-[0021]、第4図 & JP 9-261883 A

文献2 : JP 2002-315202 A (エヌイーシートーキン栃木株式会社) 2002.10.25, 段落[0002]-[0004]、第1図 (ファミリーなし)

文献3 : JP 2004-7942 A (ディアローク・セミコンダクター・ゲームベーハー) 2004.01.08, 段落[0002]-[0005]、第1図 & US 2003-99075 A1 & EP 1317042 A2 & DE 10158494 C

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